

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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09-01-20 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members present: Mike Daugherty, David Armstrong, Ray West, Craig Diggs

Staff Members present: Tom Short, City Administrator, Zeb Carney, Director, and Marcia Weng, Public Works Secretary

Citizens: Tonya Niermann, Abi Almandinger

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Mike Daugherty.

A motion was made by Craig Diggs to accept the minutes from the August 4, 2020 Committee meeting. All ayes, motion passed.

Citizen Participation: None

Old Business: None.

New Business: First on the agenda was Tonya Niermann, with Midcontinent Equity Holdings, LLC, who presented a proposed housing addition to the committee. The addition would go in just off the Loop on the south side. It will provide 2 or 3 bedroom housing for veteran's and low to middle income families. It will be subsidized by MHDC. The deadline for application is October 30. Ms. Niermann is requesting the city's approval for this housing development. David Armstrong made a motion requesting a letter be sent to the full Council for approval on this development. All ayes, motion carried.

Next on the agenda were the new rates from Republic Services. They are asking for a 4% increase, instead of their 3% max, to help recover the costs from covid. They will lock it in for a year rather than review and raise rates again in 6 months. This rate will only raise customer's bills by thirteen cents. Craig Diggs made a motion to forward this to council to accept their proposal. All ayes, motion carried.

Other Business: None.

Staff Reports:

Zeb reported on the following:

We received the final pay estimate from Sproul's Construction today, which closes out 4 projects. We also received a change order from J D Wallace, the contractor on the River Street Bridge replacement, asking for a 6 to 8 week extension. The Jasper County Jail project has begun.

The Glen Cove subdivision has been bought out by Spruce Brothers. It should be built out by late spring or early summer.

The Phelps 9th addition is moving along quickly. All lots are sold and should be completed by late spring.

The city hired a clean up on 613 High Street. There were 4 – 40 yard dumpsters and 6.4 tons of scrap metal cleaned up. Also at 730 High Street, which the city cleaned a year ago, Zeb has sent Habitat for Humanity in to do a critical home repair. The owner will be getting several things repaired on her home.

Last week Bill Smith and Zeb were exposed to covid and had to be tested, which came back negative.

The geotech report is back on the I-49 roundabout project.

Zeb met with Jess Dickerson, the owner of the new CBD dispensary, and asked for a set of floor plans. He returned with those.

The Central Ave TAP project should be bid out the first of the year.

The Garrison Street TAP project has begun. They have shifted some of the lanes.

The Fairlawn Roundabout should see some action in the next 4 to 5 weeks.

Tom reported on the following:

Tom reported that even though we were approved for the Government Cost/Share program for Hazel Street, that program no longer exists.

The house was moved from Hazel Street out to Chapel Road and I-44 area.

The next council agenda will have a grant proposal for CHP to do a passive flooring class.

This fiscal year will have some limited funds for street work to be done. Baker Boulevard will be done with left over funds from FY20.

At the September 8th Insurance Audit & Claims meeting the McGrath Study will be discussed.

Ray West made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.